

**PRIVATE SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 9, 1999**

PRESENT: Oscar Mireles, Edward Byrne, Jerrold Antoon, Mark Harder,
Mark Kirch, James Martin, Mark Riesinger and Shawn Smith

ABSENT: Darlyne Barlow, Dennis Brewer

STAFF PRESENT: Clete Hansen; Bill Black (for a portion of the meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Clete Hansen, Chair, upon confirmation that the public notice was timely given

AGENDA

The agenda was informally approved.

MINUTES (02/11/99)

MOTION: Oscar Mireles moved, seconded by Shawn Smith, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Marlene Cummings was not available to appear before the committee.

Clete Hansen reported that Sheriff Tom Kocourek and Sgt. Richard Scanlon have resigned from committee membership. Replacements will be sought.

Clete Hansen responded to a question about the Department's Internet site and the fact that the Department is getting very close to having licensee queries available on the Internet. He stated that queries may now be done by Interactive Voice Response.

**NEW PROCEDURES AND APPLICATION FORM FOR PRIVATE SECURITY
PERMITS**

Committee members received a draft of a new application form for private security permits. The form permits the applicant to choose whether he or she wishes to obtain a temporary permit, a conditional permit or a delayed regular permit. The primary thrust of the conditional permit is to enable the Department to continue to issue permits to

applicants before having received an FBI criminal records report. The applicant would stipulate to the revocation of his or her permit, without a hearing, if the FBI report shows that the applicant was convicted of a felony.

The following issues were discussed:

1. The new form does not make any exception from the criminal records check for police officers who would not be permitted to be a police officer if they had a criminal record.
2. Prohibiting conditional permit holders to wait up to 5 months is too long. Clete Hansen pointed out that the form refers to a waiting period of "up to 5 months;" however, the FBI has been getting reports back to the Department within 2 or 3 months.
3. Something should be done so that an exemption from the criminal records check can be made for a certifiable police officer.
4. Does the Department have access to juvenile records? No. Some committee members stated that police departments do have such access.
5. Invite a representative from the Crime Information Bureau (CIB) to the next meeting and discuss CIB records checks, National Crime Information Center and other issues relating to records check. The committee also noted that the public has access to criminal cases on the Internet. The site is located at <http://ccap.courts.state.wi.us/InternetCourtAccess/>
6. A committee member stated that the new form and procedures will not help private security companies with the problems they are experiencing finding people, paying for permits and preventing new permit holders from leaving their employ before getting a return on the money spent for a permit.

FIREARMS TRAINING

Clete Hansen reported that the Firearms Advisory Committee will meet in October. It has been a long time since the last meeting and there are some significant issues that need discussion. For example the Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau will no longer approve persons who do not instruct police officers.

DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Some committee members expressed concern about unlicensed people practicing as private security persons, especially in the Milwaukee area. Committee members requested that the Department crack down on unlicensed practice. Committee members suggested that a form letter be sent to every agency, stating that we believe that there are

many unlicensed practice violations and requesting a list of the private security people employed by each agency.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION

Clete Hansen reported that the Department had requested that several recommendations of the committee be included in the Biennial Budget Bill. However, the Department's request was denied. Therefore, the Department has requested separate bill drafts.

MOTION: Mark Kirch moved, seconded by Jim Martin, that the committee recommends that the Department include in any bill that it is working on, relating to private security persons, language which clarifies the statutory phrase "directly or indirectly employed," as that term is used in s. 440.26. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee asked to be informed about the Legislative Committee to whom the bill is referred.

EXAMINATION OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

The committee acknowledged that the current application requirements permit a person from setting himself or herself up in business with no knowledge or experience. Sometimes these procedures are utilized by persons who are not eligible for a license. They simply find a spouse or a friend to serve as a front and to fill out the application, so that the previous owner can continue in business as usual.

Some committee members pointed out that the American Society of Industrial Security has education and training which leads to a Certified Protection Professional. Fox Valley Technical College offers a security management certificate.

The committee did not take any action on this issue.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL

The committee agreed that this will be the primary topic of discussion at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was informally adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 1999 at 10 a.m.